



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

Monday, June 05, 2023

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Mark Jensen
Vice Mayor Bob Lynn
Assembly Member Thomas Fine-Walsh
Assembly Member David Kensinger
Assembly Member Donna Marsh
Assembly Member Jeff Meucci
Assembly Member Scott Newman

2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. May 15, 2023 Assembly Meeting Minutes

The May 15, 2023 Assembly meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Marsh.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Newman

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was amended to add a Discussion Item regarding the Petersburg Housing Survey.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Vice Mayor Lynn.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Newman

5. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

6. Bid Awards

There were no bid awards.

7. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda

Persons wishing to share their views on any item on today's agenda may do so at this time.

RD Parks, speaking on behalf of himself, his wife, Madonna Judge-Parks, and their daughter, Molly Parks, encouraged the Assembly to hire APEI to conduct the hiring practices and safety programs review for the Borough.

Cris Morrison, PIA Tribal Council President, thanked the Assembly for their support on Ordinance #2023-10 and shared PIA's plans to construct safe and affordable rental housing for Petersburg's native and non-native residents.

8. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda

Persons with views on subjects not on today's agenda may share those views at this time.

No views were shared.

9. Boards, Commission and Committee Reports

There were no reports.

10. Consent Agenda

There were no consent agenda items.

11. Report of Other Officers

A. Petersburg Medical Center Update

PMC CEO Hofstetter updated the Assembly on medical center activities.

12. Mayor's Report

A. June 5, 2023 Mayor's Report

Mayor Jensen read his report into the record.

13. Manager's Report

A. June 5, 2023 Manager's Report

Manager Giesbrecht read his report into the record, a copy of which is attached and made a permanent part of these minutes.

14. Unfinished Business

A. Ordinance #2023-06: An Ordinance Updating Various Sections of Chapter 14.08 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Sewer Utility" - Third and Final Reading

Ordinance #2023-06 was unanimously approved in its third and final reading.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Kensinger.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Newman

B. Ordinance #2023-07: An Ordinance Amending Sections 14.20.125, 14.20.250 and 14.20.380 of Chapter 14.20, *Municipal Harbors*, of the Petersburg Municipal Code to Address Live-Aboards and Other Residential Uses of Vessels Moored in Municipal Harbors and to Increase the Penalty for Speeding or Excessive Wake - Third and Final Reading

By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly approved Ordinance #2023-07 in its third and final reading.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Marsh.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Newman

C. Ordinance #2023-08: An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024 - Third and Final Reading

Ordinance #2023-08 was amended to increase the property insurance line item by \$48,800 due to a large increase in insurance premiums.

Motion made by Assembly Member Kensinger, Seconded by Assembly Member Meucci.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Newman

The Assembly unanimously approved Ordinance #2023-08, as amended, in its third and final reading.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Lynn, Seconded by Assembly Member Meucci.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Newman

D. Ordinance #2023-09: An Ordinance Repealing Chapters 11.48, 11.52, 11.56 and 11.60 of the Former City of Petersburg Code and PMC Chapter 11.96, and Amending PMC Sections 11.12.040, 14.20.360 and 14.20.380 - Third and Final Reading

Ordinance #2023-09 was unanimously approved in its third and final reading.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Marsh.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Newman

E. Ordinance #2023-10: An Ordinance Amending Section 16.12.030(A) of Chapter 16.12, *Acquisition and Disposal of Borough Owned Lands*, of the Petersburg Municipal Code to Add Federally Recognized Tribes to the List of Entities that May Purchase Borough Property for Less than Assessed Value if Determined by the Assembly to be in the Best Interest of the Borough - Third and Final Reading

The Assembly unanimously approved Ordinance #2023-10 in its third and final reading.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Newman.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Newman

15. New Business

A. Hiring Practices and Safety Programs Review

The Assembly unanimously decided to accept the proposal from APEI to conduct the Borough hiring practices and safety programs review and added that Borough employees may speak to APEI while they are conducting the review if they so desire.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Kensinger.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Newman

B. Utility Assistant Director/Project Manager Position Request

By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly approved to add a Utility Assistant Director/Project Manager position to the Department Head team.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Vice Mayor Lynn.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Newman

16. Communications

A. Correspondence Received Since May 11, 2023

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Petersburg Housing Survey

Assembly Member Kensinger encouraged all Borough residents to complete the Housing Survey currently being conducted.

B. Assembly Member Comments

C. Recognitions

Assembly Member Marsh thanked everyone who made the Little Norway Festival a success this year.

Assembly Member Fine-Walsh recognized local artist Lil Realist X (Ashon McCay) and KFSK reporter Shelby Herbert for the radio story about the local musician. The story was also picked up by Alaska Public Radio and is airing all over the state.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Fine-Walsh.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Newman